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In this photo taken June 5, 2009, a television antenna is pictured with aluminum foil attached in a pile of old televisions in a recycling area at the transfer station in Rockport, Mass. Remaining television stations that have not already made the switch to digital signals are scheduled to cut their analog signals on Friday June 12.

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Los Angeles Lakers' Derek Fisher celebrates the Lakers' 99-91 overtime win over the Orlando Magic in Game 4 of the NBA basketball finals Friday, June 12, 2009, in Orlando, Fla. The Lakers take a 3-1 lead in the series.

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Daddy Yankee is the king of Reggaeton

ORANJESTAD – Yesterday afternoon, Daddy Yankee made an appearance in TGI Friday's in the Paseo Herencia Mall. The restaurant was packed to the limit for the press and invited guests to meet the king of Reggaeton Daddy Yankee. Then last night he sang for thousands of fans live In Concert at the Don Elias Mansur Ballpark Aruba with opening Acts by "Sonic Lab 297, BMW Plus & Sensacion Vallenata. Ramón Ayala (born February 3, 1977), known worldwide as Daddy Yankee, is a Latin Grammy Award winning Puerto Rican reggaeton singer/rapper. Ayala was born in Río Piedras, the largest district of San Juan, where he became interested in music at a young age. In his youth he was interested in baseball, and aspired to become a



Major League Baseball player and was going to the Major Leagues after trying out for Seattle. He was unable to continue this sport when he was shot in one of his legs,

leaving him unable to walk correctly. He then became involved in the underground rap movement that was in its early stages in Puerto Rico, later to be called Reggaeton. After receiving lessons from several artists within the genre, he developed an independent career, first recording in a production titled Playero 37.

After this he began to produce independent albums. His first solo album was No Mercy. He subsequently formed a duo with Nicky Jam, and then continued his solo career with the releases of El Cartel and El Cartel II. This led him to be one of the pioneers of the Reggaeton genre.

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DELTA Airlines increasing capacity to Aruba

This at a time that additional capacity decreases have been announced

ORANJESTAD - Aruba Airport Authority N.V. has received confirmation from Delta Airlines, one of its valued air service partners, that service from New York's JFK airport and Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport will be increased as of this fall. This is quite remarkable as Delta announced Thursday that capacity reductions slated for September would be increased from the 6% announced previously to 10% across the board. The current recession retains a strong grasp on the extremely volatile airline industry reiterating that this news could not have come at a better time.

Both New York and Atlanta are important gateways for Aruba with strong consistent feeder cities. In addition to Delta service the New York region is serviced by American Airlines, JetBlue Airways,

and Continental Airlines with several weekly and daily frequencies.

New York, JFK service from Delta will be Saturday and Sunday during the coming fall. From December 20, 2009 to January 3, 2010 and February 14, 2010 to April 11, 2010 air service will be daily with a B737-800 aircraft and 134 seats. During the period of January 4, 2010 to February 13, 2010 there will be Saturday service only with a B757 aircraft and 234 seats. B757 service on Saturdays will be throughout the winter season.

Atlanta service from Delta in September and October will be 5 to 6 times a week in addition to a second flight on Friday and Saturday which arrives late evening and departs early morning. As of November, Atlanta will resume daily service plus a second flight



on Friday and Saturday. Then from December 19, 2009 to January 3, 2010 and February 14, 2010 to April 11, 2010 Delta will increase capacity to twice daily and the overnight Friday and Saturday flights. Equipment used will be either B737-800 or B757.

"This is simply fantastic" said

Peter Steinmetz, Managing Director AAA N.V. "During a time that recession and its subsequent effects are far from over, Delta's believe in our destination is something that we value and are committed to make successful. We have a very strong business relationship with Delta and all

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Passing of amendment to be an historic event



PHILIPSBURG - - The Netherlands Antilles' constitutional amendment relating to the independence of Parliament from government was published officially in the Government Gazette of the Kingdom on June 4. "This will be an historical moment for our Parliamentary democracy," said President of Parliament Pedro Atacho. Atacho sent a letter to Minister in charge of General Affairs Emily de Jongh-Elhage, informing her about the publication and requesting that she hold a governmental debate for the date of commencement on Wednesday.

"After the commencement, we can say the Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles has made an historical step in its independence. Parliament will acquire powers that are currently in the hands of Governor of the Antilles Frits Goedgedrag. From then on, MPs (Members of Parliament) will choose their chairman and vice-chairman of Parliament," said Atacho. In the current situation, a proposal needs to be made to the Governor first. "Hopefully the chairman can close and open the new parliamentary year by September. That was up to

now a prerogative of the Governor." Other changes are that the chairman will accept MPs' resignation letters instead of the Governor, as is now the case. Also, Parliament will forward its law proposals directly to the Advisory Council and no longer via government in the near future. The same applies to the Advisory Council; when it has its advice ready it will send it directly to Parliament, instead of doing so via the Council of Ministers. To finalise the separation of Financial and Personnel Affairs from Parliament, the Antillean government still

has to publish the amendment of budget regulation. This amendment concerns the legal position of employees in the Secretariat General of Parliament and the law concerning the organisation and task of the Secretariat General. Government is awaiting the Advisory Council's formal advice, to publish these laws. "I will keep the general public informed about new developments, as this will

be an important moment in history," said Atacho. "We will be accomplishing the separation of power between the legislative branch and the executive branch." Atacho said it would also be very important when St. Maarten and Curaçao acquired their new country statuses. The new parliaments of St. Maarten and Curaçao will be able to take over all the laws concerning the independence of parliament. □

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KLM cancels flight to St. Maarten and Bonaire



SCHIPHOL--Royal Dutch Airlines KLM has decided to cancel Thursday's flight to St. Maarten and Bonaire because there were not enough passengers.

A KLM spokesperson said Wednesday that this was only an incidental cancellation. She explained that the airline continuously scanned the bookings on flights. "It can happen that a flight gets cancelled because the occupancy is too low and it isn't cost-effective to execute a flight," she said.

KLM's policy dictates that passengers are always informed of cancellations at least three weeks ahead. In this case, passengers who were booked on Thursday's flight were also informed in time and they were transferred to other flights.

The spokesperson could not say how many passengers were affected. Thursday's flight would have been executed with an MD-11 aircraft which has 294 seats.

KLM had announced in April that it was increasing capacity to St. Maarten from June 11 by adding a third weekly flight. KLM will fly to St. Maarten with a Boeing 747-400 which has 428 seats this Saturday. The airline also makes use of a Boeing 747-400 on Tuesdays. □

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In 2002 El Cangri.com became Ayala's first album with international success, receiving coverage in the markets of New York and Miami. Barrio Fino was released in 2004, and the album received numerous awards, including a Premio Lo Nuestro and a Latin Billboard, as well as receiving nominations for the Latin Grammy and MTV Video Music Awards. Barrio Fino performed extremely well in the sales charts of the United States, Latin America, Europe, and Japan. On June 5, 2007, El Cartel Records released El Cartel: The Big Boss, which was ranked as the top-selling album in Latin music genres in 2007. He promoted the album with an international tour which began in the United States and continued through Latin America,

breaking attendance records in Ecuador and Bolivia. The tremendous success of Barrio Fino may have led to the Reggaeton explosion in the early 2000's which resulted in many Hip-Hop artists featuring Reggaeton artists. His performances have appeared on more than 70 albums, including compilations such

as Mas Flow 2 and Blin Blin Vol. 1. Outside of his work as a musician, Ayala has also worked as an actor and producer. Throughout his career, he has been generally reticent to discuss his personal life, but has publicly expressed the importance of his wife and children to him. □



A perfect wedding in paradise

Michael & Jennifer tie the knot in Aruba



OCCIDENTAL- Michael Pulizzano & Jennifer Kay were married last week at Occidental Grand Aruba Resort. The lovebirds of Hackensack, New Jersey met in January 2007 at a lounge with friends. They both had an eye on each other from the first glance. After dancing and getting to know one another they exchanged phone numbers and the rest was history. Michael proposed on Labor Day, August 31, 2008 at his uncle's Murray World BBQ. Family and friends including Jennifer's parents enjoyed a festive holiday

and while playing Pictionary with Jennifer on his team and wedding song playing in background, he drew a diamond ring, she guessed it and within a heartbeat he was on one knee asking her to be his bride. Michael and Jennifer started planning their wedding instantly. Michael is the director of Total Entertainment Company in New Jersey which deals with event planning of and since this was his specialty he took care of everything. They had chosen Occidental Aruba Grand Resort as the wedding location in Aruba.

Their wedding coordinator Kimberly Dammerman was in charge of creating a majestic wedding and went above and beyond to make sure everything was perfect. The beach blessing was held on the premises of Occidental Grand with a gorgeous arch. The ceremony was delivered by Officiate Ruben Trappenburg and witnessed by 24 guests. Michael and Jennifer exchanged vows and rings and were announced Mr. & Mrs. Pulizzano. Following the ceremony Angela Munzenhofer of Bella Aruba Photography captured

photos of a lifetime as the sunset behind the horizon. The Cocktail hour took place at the desire lounge and dinner reception in the elegant ballroom. The reception was lighted in purple and fuschia hues with long stem callas on every table. The bar area had a fascinating ice sculpture with their initials engraved as the vodka poured out ice cold for the guests. The guests and newlyweds danced all night to DJ Tino's hot hits after a delicious 4 course meal. □

Photos by Angela Munzenhofer



Madonna can adopt 3-year-old Mercy from Malawi



FILE - In this April 3, 2009 file photo, Madonna visits a development project in Gumulira, Malawi. Madonna can adopt a second child from Malawi, the southern African country's highest court ruled Friday, June 12, 2009, overturning a lower court decision it said was out of touch with the times.

(AP Photo/Riccardo Gangale, file)

By RAPHAEL TENTHANI,
Associated Press Writer

BLANTYRE, Malawi – There's mercy for Madonna — Malawi's highest court ruled Friday that the

pop star can adopt a second child from the African nation, citing her love, determination, and "income tax returns."

In granting Madonna custody of 3-year-old Chifundo "Mercy" James, the court extended the definition of residency and brushed aside concerns by human rights groups that the nation is bending laws meant to protect children in a country where half a million have lost a parent to AIDS.

"I am ecstatic," Madonna said in a statement in which she also thanked the court. "My family and I look forward to sharing our lives with her."

Madonna's lawyer Alan Chinula said the adoption was final with Friday's ruling, although this could not immediately be confirmed. He said he would now arrange a passport for Mercy, which could take several days, and was awaiting word from Madonna on travel plans for the little girl, whose mother died soon after giving birth.

James Kambewa, a man who claims to be Mercy's father — but acknowledges he's never seen her — told CBS News: "I'm crying. I need my baby. I don't know where I can find any help," the network said.

But Peter Baneti, an uncle, said the family welcomed Friday's ruling.

"We hope Mercy will be joining Madonna soon," he said by phone from his village just outside Blantyre. Madonna, 50, adopted a son, David, from Malawi last year. Her request to adopt Mercy was rejected in April by a lower court that said the star had not spent

enough time in Malawi.

Chief Justice Lovemore Munlo, reading the three-judge appeal court panel's ruling on Friday, said that was a narrow interpretation based on old laws and that "in this global village a man can have more than one place at which he resides."

He said the singer's commitment to helping disadvantaged children also should have been taken into account in the decision.

Madonna founded a charity, Raising Malawi, here in 2006. It helps feed, educate and provide medical care for some of Malawi's orphans.

The judge said Madonna had shown herself to be "intelligent, compassionate, articulate and determined since the early age of 6 when her mother died," saying the young Madonna had helped raise her siblings. And he said "her latest income tax returns shows that she is financially stable; she can therefore look after the needs of" the little girl.

Children's welfare groups had expressed concern that rules meant to protect children were being bent because of Madonna's celebrity, and perhaps out of gratitude for what she has done for Malawi.

When Madonna adopted David, the process took months and included a child welfare official's visit to Madonna's home, which then was in London, to review her fitness as a mother. Chinula said none of this would be necessary this time.

"What the Supreme Court has done is grant a full adoption," he said. □



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Pharmacies reverse ban, will accept FZOG cards

PHILIPSBURG--Retired civil servants can breathe a sigh of relief. The St. Maarten Pharmacy Association has reversed its ban on FZOG cards and will be accepting the cards as a method of payment. The Association had a change of heart after receiving three months' payment from the Social Insurance Bank (SVB), which manages the FZOG fund. The payment was made on Wednesday to all 12 pharmacies operating here. The Association has demanded payment of another three months before the end of this month. The Association had come in for criticism from the ABVO Council of Pensioners since news of the ban was made public. Pharmacy Association President Dick Luttekes said the Association would be meeting with FZOG

management to discuss the issues at hand and how to continue cooperation and service. "We sincerely hope that we can come to an agreement with FZOG on the issues of back payment and how to contain the cost to secure the availability of pharmaceutical needs for the FZOG insured." He said, too, that some cost-cutting measures pharmacies would have to start implementing from July 1 would also be discussed. Pharmacies in Bonaire and Curaçao have already introduced these measures, which include a 10 per cent upfront payment for medication. This upfront payment has been severely criticised by the Council of Pensioners. Luttekes said SVB had said it "will try" to make payments in a more timely fashion in the future. "We

made a payment schedule and we will present this at [today's] meeting," he said. "We have been in this situation before, but I think they realise that the situation has become more grim and we are more determined that things really have to change now," he said. Luttekes said the pharmacies were in favour of cost-cutting measures, but he believes this can be applied in several ways. He is against the 10 per cent upfront payment. "The 10 per cent [upfront] payment for pensioners as is in effect in Curaçao is quite harsh on top of the high premiums. I don't think that this is a

social solution, but it's not up to us to decide, because it's a political issue as far as cost-cutting for an assortment of medicines is concerned." Asked whether he thinks Curaçao providers are receiving preferential treatment, as was suggested by St. Maarten Medical Center (SMMC) General Director Dr. George Scot earlier, Luttekes said: "We have been a lot more lenient and a lot more cooperative than those in Curaçao and, yes, we've been waiting so long and it seems that Curaçao is being paid." Pharmacies had been owed an estimated one million

guilders dating back to June 2008. The three months' payment means that the tab has been narrowed down to eight months. A number of pensioners met with the ABVO Council of Pensioners on Wednesday evening to discuss their concerns about the FZOG card ban. Attending that meeting were outgoing State Secretary for Health George Pantophlet, incoming State Secretary for Health Patrick Illidge, Windward Islands Teachers Union President Claire Elshot and former union leader Patricia Pantophlet.

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Stocks, looking tired after 3-month run, hit pause



Traders work on the options trading floor at the New York Stock Exchange, May 26, 2009.

By **TIM PARADIS**,
 AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — The stock market's rally is on hold, and it's not clear what might restart it.

Stock indicators barely budged this week after last week's big gains. The Dow Jones industrial average did manage to push into the black for the year with a modest gain on Friday, but many traders are still cautious.

The continuing crop of better-than-expected economic news has lost its ability to incite the

REUTERS/Brendan McDermid

kinds of big gains the market was enjoying back in March, early in a three-month rally that has brought the Standard & Poor's index up 39.9 percent.

Those kinds of gains might normally take years to occur, so it's understandable that traders would become wary about hitting the "buy" button. Also, the market's enthusiasm about the economy has been checked recently by unease about rising interest rates and inflation.

Joe Clark, managing partner

of Financial Enhancement Group, said investors have for now absorbed all the good news possible to push stocks higher.

"The sponge seems to be full," he said.

The bond market exercised unusual control over stocks this week as investors worried that the Treasury Department was running low on buyers for U.S. debt. While a successful bond auction Thursday eased some of those concerns, investors are still nervous that Washington might have to entice buyers with higher interest rates.

Besides determining the government's own borrowing costs, bond yields are also used as a benchmark for consumer loans and can influence how much people borrow to finance big purchases like homes. The 10-year Treasury note, which is closely tied to home mortgage rates, has risen to 3.80 from 3.71 percent in little more than a week.

Rising interest rates are worrisome because they

could hamper the economy's attempts to recover from the recession, which began in December 2007.

With little to point them in either direction, stocks zigzagged in a tight range Friday as commodity and technology stocks gave up some of their recent gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 28.34, or 0.3 percent, to 8,799.26. It was the Dow's highest close since Jan. 6.

The broader S&P 500 index rose 1.32, or 0.1 percent, to 946.21, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 3.57, or 0.2 percent, to 1,858.80.

For the week, the Dow edged up 0.4 percent. It was the fourth straight weekly gain for the blue chips and the 12th of the last 14.

The S&P 500 index rose 0.7 percent for the week and the Nasdaq added 0.5 percent. The indexes are all positive for the year.

Analysts said the market's pause was a healthful sign after the recent gains.

"We ran at sprinters' speed and now we're taking a couple jogs around the track to see if we can sprint again," said David Darst, chief investment strategist at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney.

Judged by other rallies, the current run could have more life. There have been 26 bull markets — defined as a rise of more than 20 percent — since 1928. They have lasted an average 326 calendar days, compared with the 85 days for the current surge, Darst noted. The median gain was 68 percent, compared with the 40 percent the S&P 500 index has added since March.

But Darst said the rally isn't likely to regain its strength until traders have a better

sense of what will happen with interest rates, inflation, the dollar and corporate profits.

The inflation worries have come as a weakening dollar has driven up the price of oil.

Crude slipped 64 cents to \$72.04 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange on Friday but the price has more than doubled since March.

Next week, Wall Street gets reports on inflation for producers and consumers and regional manufacturing.

Bond prices rose Friday, pushing yields down. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 3.80 percent from 3.86 percent late Thursday.

The dollar rose against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

Rick Bensignor, chief market strategist at Execution LLC, said the market likely would need big news such as a further stabilization in banks to push higher. Otherwise, some gains could come as portfolio managers worried about falling behind the major indexes are forced to buy in. But he expects the market will give back some of its gains because it has risen so far so fast.

"Bulls think this is nothing more than a resting stop," he said. "Right now clearly the tug-of-war remains in place."

Advancing stocks narrowly outpaced those that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 4.4 billion shares, compared with 5.4 billion Thursday.

A computer glitch briefly halted trading on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange for more than 200 of the 3,100 stocks that trade there. Electronic trading continued without interruption, however.

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GM, Chrysler executives defend dealership closings

By KEN THOMAS,

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Under withering criticism in Congress, General Motors and Chrysler executives on Friday called the closings of hundreds of dealerships painful steps needed to right-size the auto giants. Down-on-their-luck dealers said the moves would needlessly devastate their local economies and livelihoods.

"Many dealers and the communities they serve frankly feel blind-sided," said Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore.

GM CEO Fritz Henderson told a House panel the dealer cuts were "quite painful" but necessary to save over 200,000 jobs at GM's remaining dealers.

"In essence, this is our last chance," Henderson told the House Energy and Commerce Committee's oversight and investigations subcommittee. Chrysler Deputy CEO Jim Press said the cuts were part of the shared sacrifices by the United Auto Workers union, bondholders and others needed to avoid liquidation.

"Going through bankruptcy was not our choice," said Press, who along with Henderson and the other witnesses were required to raise their right hands and testify under oath. But the committee heard from shutout dealers such as Frank Blankenbecker III of Waxahachie, Texas, whose voice cracked as he recalled the hard work of his father, a World War II veteran, to build

their family business.

"I am glad that he is not alive to witness this travesty. To have risked his life for a country that would do what they are doing would destroy him," he said.

The carmakers' explanations won few converts from House members, who wagged their fingers at the executives and questioned their motivations. Many of the dealers, they argued, had been profitable and received little warning or opportunity to plead their cases.

"There's something wrong with a business model that basically says, 'In order to survive, we've got to crush our local dealers,'" said Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vt.

Rep. Mike Burgess, R-Texas, confronted Henderson about GM's decision to maintain a parts distribution center in the district of Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., the chairman of the House Financial Services Committee. Frank had urged Henderson to keep the facility open.

"What is the number I need to call? Is it 1-800 Car Czar?" Burgess asked. "I have a nagging suspicion that there is a political calculation."

The committee released a GM document that, for the first time, provided a state-by-state list of 1,323 dealerships the automaker plans to wind down. Pennsylvania had the most with 90, followed by Ohio with 79, Illinois with 66 and California with 65.

Alaska was the only state spared. GM has declined to release the name of individual dealerships.

Among Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep dealerships, Pennsylvania has lost 53, followed by Texas with 50 and Ohio with 47.

Chrysler is closing 789 dealerships and GM plans to cut about 1,350 by the end of next year. Lawmakers said the cuts would hurt many rural communities, forcing consumers to drive long distances to have their vehicles serviced.

"When it comes time to purchase a new vehicle, many of my new constituents will abandon GM or Chrysler and go to whichever brand is still locally sold by a person they trust within their community," said Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., the subcommittee's chairman. Dealers said the closings put 100,000 jobs at risk and charged the companies with failing to be transparent about how they



General Motors Chief Executive Officer Fritz Henderson, left, and Chrysler President James Press listen to opening statements on Capitol Hill in Washington, Friday, June 12, 2009, during a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee hearing on auto dealership closures.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

reached their decisions. Many dealers said their stores had been performing well despite the economic downturn.

"We have been GM to our community," said Bob Thomas, owner of a Chevrolet-Cadillac dealership in Bend, Ore.

The auto executives said their companies have been slowed by too many dealers, with many representing the same company often competing

against each other for sales. Many dealerships date to the 1940s and 1950s, they said, when motorists lived farther apart and Detroit automakers dominated the U.S. market.

In total, GM is expected to reduce its dealer body by 2,500 through the shuttering of dealerships, anticipated attrition and the shedding of its Saturn, Hummer, Pontiac and Saab lines. □



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The "O" in Socialism

The Nation -- Just recently, things were looking up for socialism. In April, a much-discussed Rasmussen poll reported that only 53 percent of Americans expressed a preference for capitalism. The poll didn't define either system, so one could surmise that the right's desperate strategy of branding a popular Democratic president as a "socialist" had backfired: If Obama's a socialist, then a good number of the 69 percent of Americans who viewed the President favorably were apparently ready to sign up. Perhaps this new openness to alternatives wasn't deep, but it seemed promising.

Now, the Obama=socialist meme, which was once just laughable, has gone viral.

It's still hard to take it very seriously, given how far Obama's policies are from even the mildest form of social democracy--recall how he explicitly rejected the idea that the United States should emulate Sweden's highly effective response to its early 90s financial meltdown, when it overcame the crisis by nationalizing the banks.

Still, the ludicrous notion has traction. The other day, Alaska governor Sarah Palin ripped Obama on Fox News for leading the nation toward socialism through "nationalizing many of our services, our projects, our businesses." The RNC went so far as to declare that "the Democratic Party is dedicated to restructuring American society along socialist ideals."

The GM takeover was a tipping point. For the right, "Government Motors" is the smoking gun, definitive proof of Obama's heretofore secret radical leftist agenda. The "New GM" is the target of a boycott spearheaded by right-wing radio bloviator Hugh Hewitt, who declared, "I won't buy a socialist car." Rush Limbaugh, who flirted with the boycott before disavowing it, fumed, "This guy came into office with an agenda, a pure socialist agenda, and he's implementing it without regard for current economic circumstances."

But what's really going on with the GM nationalization -- just as in the bank bailout -- is more akin to corporate statism than socialism. In order to qualify for federal help, GM had to "slim down"-- 21,000 GM workers will receive pink slips in the wake of this so-called rescue, and the UAW was forced to swallow painful concessions. It's not as if this occasion is being used to facilitate a real transition to a worker-friendly green economy, converting auto factories to production facilities for wind turbines, solar panels, light rail, etc. Sure, there are murmurs about fuel efficiency, but as Obama himself said, the goal is "to get GM back on its feet, take a hands-off approach and get out quickly." He wouldn't even take a position on whether the corporate headquarters should remain in Detroit. This is no socialist plot: it is a company bailout. □



Obama shouldn't lump the right-wing as one

By Nicole Hemmer

Evansville, Indiana -- Wednesday's shooting at the Holocaust Museum in Washington fed an evolving story about right-wing extremism in America. Even as both sides play hot potato in trying to label the shooter far right or far left, suddenly Janet Napolitano's April memo about an upswing in right-wing violence seemed prescient. The murder of abortion doctor George Tiller in May was no longer a single incident, but part of a trend: right-wing domestic terrorism.

As this narrative of a resurgent, violent right has emerged, so has considerable confusion about what it means to be a right-wing extremist.

Are we talking about neo-Nazis or Newt Gingrich? Lynchers or Rush Limbaugh? Both liberals and conservatives gain from confusing conservatism and the fringe right. Liberals use it to dismiss all conservatives; conservatives use it, as they are doing in the case of Secretary Napolitano's memo, to paint themselves as victims of a liberal establishment.

But whatever political points can be scored from such confusion, it stands in the way of honest political engagement.

We no longer talk about the responsible right and the irresponsible right, a taxonomy dating back to the 1960s, when conservatism began garnering national attention.

In 1961, stories about the "radical right" and "ultraconservatives" began appearing in major periodicals. Most journalists took little care to separate out the crackpots -- a New York Times article, for instance, noted no difference between the National Review magazine and the American Nazi Party. The troubling tendency to lump all right-wing groups together was not confined to newspapers. The Kennedy administration did it, too. Consider a 1961 report written for the administration by Walter and Victor Reuther, brothers and powerful union organizers. The 24-page document, known as the Reuther memo, discussed the dangers posed by the radical right.

The memo defined the radical right as "bounded on the left by Senator Goldwater and on the right by Robert Welch," head of the Birch Society. (Today's equivalent might be "bounded on the left by Mitt Romney and on the right by talk show host Glenn Beck.")

The memo's most disturbing element, however, was the recommendation that the administration use the tools of government to deal with the radical right. The Reuthers advocated use of the attorney general's subversive list (typically reserved for communist groups), the Internal Revenue Service, and the Federal Communications Commission to break up right-wing organizations and media

efforts.

The Reuther memo had an effect: In 1963, the FCC singled out conservative groups when outlining how the Fairness Doctrine should be applied to political broadcasting.

Conservatives felt the full consequences of their tangle with the radical right when conservative standard-bearer Sen. Barry Goldwater won the Republican nomination for president. From the convention in July 1964 to Senator Goldwater's defeat in November, major media outlets painted the senator as dangerously unstable and linked him to the fringe of the right-wing fringe.

In the wake of Goldwater's defeat, conservative leaders like those at the National Review did everything in their power to muscle the radical right out of the movement. They understood that as long as they could be dismissed as lunatics, their ideas would not be heard.

Like their 1960s counterparts, today's conservatives are finding themselves uncomfortably lumped with a radical -- now violent -- right. So far, the Obama administration has not contributed to the confusion. The worst it has done is cast Rush Limbaugh as de facto leader of the Republican Party, a political move that allows the administration to discredit Republicans by tarring them with Limbaugh's more incendiary statements. □

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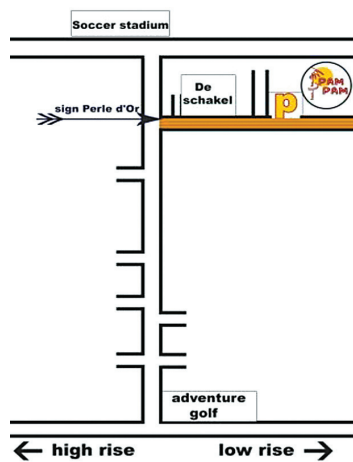


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Naps linked to psychosocial functioning in toddlers



A nurse takes care of new-born infants at a hospital in Xiangfan, Hubei province, February 9, 2008.

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By Karla Gale

NEW YORK (Reuters Health) – Not all children between the ages of 4 and 5 years old take daytime naps, and those who

don't tend to exhibit worse psychosocial function.

That's the conclusion of researchers who presented their research this week in

Seattle at SLEEP 2009, the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Associated Professional Sleep Societies.

Their study did not specifically address why some children stop napping soon after their 4th birthday, lead author Dr. Brian Crosby, from Pennsylvania State University, University Park, said in an email interview with Reuters Health.

"I can tell you anecdotally that the families of non-napping children have various reasons why their children are no longer napping. For example, some children have given up naps naturally; some families don't like their child to nap because it interferes with nighttime sleep; and some

families' schedules are so full that there is no regular time allotted for a nap."

He and his associates examined the impact of napping in a sample of 62 children, of whom 23 percent no longer took daytime naps.

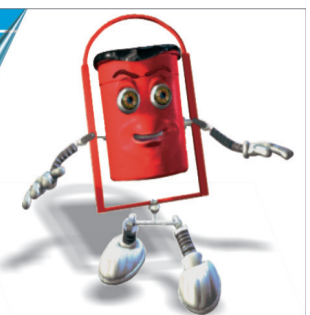
Despite the fact that the total 24-hour sleep time did not differ between children who took naps and those who did not, behavioral assessments completed by caregivers showed that non-nappers exhibited significantly more symptoms of hyperactivity anxiety, and depression.

"The results of this study are correlational and do not allow us to make any causal conclusions about the direction of these relationships," Crosby

pointed out. "It could be that kids are more hyperactive, irritable, etc. because they don't nap, or are unable to settle down for naps because they are more hyperactive, irritable, etc. This is something important to sort out in future research."

"However, it is possible that napping is important for optimal daytime functioning in children at this period of development."

For now, he recommends that pediatricians ask parents if their preschool-age children are napping or not, and to consider this along with total sleep time and sleep quality when considering problems with sleep and/or daytime functioning. □



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The back of a Analog Pass-Through DTV Converter Box is seen as it sits on the counter at RadioShack in the Camp Hill Mall, Friday, June 12, 2009, in Camp Hill, Pa. Television stations across the U.S. began cutting their analog signals Friday, marking the final signoff for a 60-year-old technology.

Associated Press

Friday marks final signoff for analog television service

PETER SVENSSON
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Television stations across the U.S. started cutting their analog signals Friday morning, marking the final signoff for a 60-year-old technology and likely stranding more than 1 million unprepared homes without TV service.

The Federal Communications Commission put 4,000 operators on standby for calls from confused viewers, and set up demonstration centers in several cities. Volunteer groups and local government agencies were helping elderly people set up digital converter boxes that keep older TVs functioning. Any set hooked up to cable or a satellite dish is unaffected.

“When you’re alone like me, that’s my partner,” Patricia Bruchalski, 82, said about her TV.

Bruchalski, a pianist and former opera singer in Brooklyn Park, Maryland, got assistance Thursday from Anne Arundel County’s Department of Aging and Disabilities and a community organization called Partners in Care. After her converter box was installed, Bruchalski marveled that digital broadcasts seemed clearer and gave her more channels — about 15 instead of the three she was used to.

“You’re going to be up all night watching TV now,” volunteer installer Rick Ebling told her. Around 15 percent of U.S. households do not have satellite or cable, and they tend to be poorer. Nielsen Co. said minority households were less likely to be prepared for Friday’s analog shutdown, as were households consisting

of people younger than 35.

A survey sponsored by broadcasters showed that Americans are well aware of the switch, thanks to two years of advertising about it. But many people simply procrastinated.

“We know some viewers will wait until the very last minute, or even after June 12, until they take action,” said Paul Karpowicz, second vice chair of the television board of the National Association of Broadcasters.

Fox affiliate WUPW in Toledo, Ohio, cut its signal at 8 a.m., making it one of the first stations to go. By 10:15 a.m., the station’s four-person phone bank had received 40 calls, said chief engineer Steve Pietras.

Many callers wanted help connecting their converter boxes, Pietras said. They had put off hooking them up until Friday because they thought that was the day digital broadcasting started. Like most stations, WUPW has been broadcasting digitally for years, alongside analog.

Another cause of confusion is that many stations were moving to new frequencies Friday. That means that even digital TV sets and older sets hooked up to converter boxes need to be set to “re-scan” the airwaves.

Some people might also need new antennas, because digital signals travel differently than analog ones. While a weakly received analog channel might be viewable through some static, channels broadcast in the digital language of ones and zeros are generally all or nothing:

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White House: U.S. may confront ships near N. Korea



United Nations Ambassador Susan Rice speaks to reporters about North Korea, Friday, June 12, 2009, in the White House Pressroom at the White House in Washington.

Associated Press

CHARLES BABINGTON

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States said Friday it is prepared to confront ships believed to be carrying contraband materials to North Korea but will not try to forcibly board them, in accordance with new U.N. sanctions.

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An Iranian groom talks with his bride as they arrive at a polling station to vote for the presidential elections in downtown Tehran, Iran, Friday, June 12, 2009. Iranians packed polling stations from boutique-lined streets in north Tehran to conservative bastions in the countryside Friday with a choice that’s left the nation divided and on edge: keeping hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in power or electing a reformist who favors greater freedoms and improved ties with the United States. A picture of the supreme leader Ayatollah Khamenei hangs at top right.

Associated Press

Rivals both claim victory in Iran’s election

ANNA JOHNSON

Associated Press Writers

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran’s interior ministry said Saturday President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad took a commanding lead with nearly 70 percent of all votes counted, but his pro-reform rival countered that he was the clear victor and warned of possible fraud in the election.

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Geek Squad agent Jesse Jankowski of Best Buy in Salem, N.H., autoscans for channels as he installs a digital TV converter box that will keep an older TV set functioning at a home in Salem, N.H., Friday, June 12, 2009. TV stations across the U.S. started cutting their analog signals Friday morning, ending a 60-year run for the technology and likely stranding more than 1 million unprepared homes without TV service. The Federal Communications Commission put 4,000 operators on standby for calls from confused viewers, and set up demonstration centers in several cities.

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The shutdown of analog channels opens part of the airwaves for modern applications like wireless broadband and TV services for cell phones. The government reaped \$19.6 billion last year by selling some of the freed-up frequencies, with AT&T Inc. and Verizon Wireless the biggest buyers.

The shutdown was originally scheduled for Feb. 17, but the government's fund for \$40 converter box coupons ran out of money in early January, prompting the incoming Obama administration to push for a delay. The converter box program got additional

funding in the national stimulus package.

Research firm SmithGeiger LLC said Thursday that about 2.2 million households were still unprepared as of last week. Sponsored by the broadcasters' association, it surveyed 948 households that relied on antennas and found that 1 in 8 did not have a digital TV or digital converter box.

Nielsen Co., which measures TV ratings from a wide panel of households, put the number of unready homes at 2.8 million, or 2.5 percent of the total television market, as of Sunday.

In February, the number was 5.8 million.

The Commerce Department reported a rush of latecomers to the coupon program: It received 319,990 requests Thursday, nearly four times the daily average for the past month.

In all, the government has mailed coupons for almost 60 million converter boxes. Nearly half of the nation's 1,760 full-power TV stations had already cut their analog signals even before Friday, mostly in less populated areas. Stations ending the broadcasts Friday were doing so throughout the day, with many waiting until the evening.

Even after Friday, low-power analog stations and rural relay stations known as "translators" will still be available in some areas.

The switch comes as many stations are struggling financially because of a drop in advertising, and 21 stations will simply go off the air after cutting their analog signals. Most of these are owned by Equity Media Holdings, which is under bankruptcy protection. □

AP NewsBreak: US diocese appealing court ruling

JOHN CHRISTOFFERSEN
Associated Press Writer

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (AP) — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport asked the Connecticut Supreme Court Friday to reconsider a ruling that would make public thousands of pages of documents that detail alleged sexual abuse by priests.

The court's 4-1 ruling last month covers more than 12,600 pages of documents from 23 lawsuits against six priests that have been under seal since the diocese settled the cases in 2001. Most of the victims were altar boys or belonged to church youth organizations.

The records could shed light on how recently retired New York Cardinal Edward Egan handled the allegations when he was Bridgeport bishop.

The diocese, which has said it was "deeply disappointed" in the ruling, wants the full court of seven justices to hear the case.

"The decision raises significant concerns and deserves review by the full court, as

opposed to a divided panel," the diocese said in its motion.

Church officials say the ruling fails to uphold the privacy and constitutional rights of all parties to lawsuits, especially when cases are sealed, and contends the disclosure of the sealed documents is barred by the religious clauses of the First Amendment.

"Our position is that the Supreme Court already carefully reviewed all the issues that have been raised by the diocese in the seven years the case has been pending," said Jonathan Albano, attorney for The New York Times, The Boston Globe and The Washington Post.

Those papers and The Hartford Courant have been seeking the documents.

Egan, who was Bridgeport bishop from 1988 to 2000, was later criticized for failing to tell authorities about the abuse allegations and allowing the priests involved to continue working despite the claims.

Egan, who retired last month, has defended his handling of the cases. □

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Bush celebrates 85th by skydiving over Maine

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KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP) — Former President George H.W. Bush marked his 85th birthday on Friday the same way he did his 75th and 80th birthdays: He leaped from a plane and zoomed downward at more than 100 mph in freefall before parachuting safely to a spot near his oceanfront home. Bush made the tandem jump from 10,500 feet with Sgt. 1st Class Mike Elliott of the Army's Golden Knights, who guided them to a gentle landing on the lawn of St. Ann's Church.

"It's a great, exhilarating feeling," he said after he was removed from his harness. "I don't feel a day over 84."

He said he enjoyed the jump so much that he planned to do it again when he turns 90.

When he was president, Bush was an avid jogger, speed golfer, fisherman and tennis

player. He said he has slowed down since then, but he doesn't intend to stop moving.

He told reporters that he jumped Friday for two reasons: to experience the exhilaration of free-falling and to show that seniors can remain active and do fun things.

"Just because you're an old guy, you don't have to sit around drooling in the corner," Bush said. "Get out and do something. Get out and enjoy life."

All five of Bush's children, including former President George W. Bush, were there, along with 14 grandchildren, two brothers and a sister.

Elliott said he was "definitely nervous" because of Bush's age and the presence of his entire family. "What we do is inherently dangerous, so there's always some risk, but we pride ourselves on safety and make sure everything goes as planned. And today it went without a hitch," he said.

Bush's first parachute jump came when his plane was shot down over the Pacific in 1944 during World War II. He bailed out at 1,500 feet after a bombing mission over ChiChi Jima. His two crewmates did not make it.

In 1997, Bush fulfilled a wartime promise he made to himself that someday he would jump from a plane for fun by hopping out over Yuma, Arizona, and he jumped again on his 75th birthday at his library in Texas.

His days of solo parachuting ended at age 80 when bad weather forced him to scrap his plan to go alone. He made not one but two tandem jumps, both with Elliott, in Texas.

The skydiving jump marked Bush's seventh parachute leap from an airplane. His last jump was in November 2007 at the reopening of his presidential library at Texas A&M University. He made that jump unannounced after having hip



Former U.S. President George H. W. Bush, right, prepares to touch down after a parachute jump while riding tandem with Sgt. Michael Elliott of the Army Golden Knights parachute team to celebrates his 85th birthday, Friday, June 12, 2009, in Kennebunkport, Maine.

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replacement surgery.

Friday marked his first jump over an ocean since World War II. Former First Lady Barbara Bush doesn't object to her octogenarian husband's fascination with skydiving.

"She is fine with it, particularly now that he does tandem jumps. She has so much trust and faith in the Golden Knights that she's fine with it," said Jean Becker, Bush's chief of staff. □

Company alleges Chinese software has stolen code



Sales clerks stand at a counter with the computer games software companies on display at a Software Exhibition in Beijing, China, Thursday, May 11, 2009. Chinese state media on Thursday issued an unprecedented defense of newly required Internet filtering software that must be packaged with every computer sold in China starting next month, after a public outcry at home and abroad.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A California company claims that the Internet-filtering software China has mandated

for all new personal computers sold there contains stolen programming code.

Solid Oak Software of Santa Barbara said Friday that parts of its filtering software,

which is designed for parents, are being used in the "Green Dam-Youth Escort" filtering software that must be packaged with all computers sold in China from July 1.

Solid Oak's founder, Brian Milburn, said he plans to seek an injunction against the Chinese developer that built the software, but acknowledged that it's new legal terrain for his company.

"I don't know how far you can try and reach into China and try to stop stuff like this," he said in an interview. "We're still trying to assess what they're doing."

A phone number for the Chinese developer could not immediately be located. A call by The Associated Press to China's embassy in the U.S. after business hours Friday went unanswered.

China has mounted a vigorous public defense of the software, saying it wants it to block violence and pornography. But critics say it censors many

more things, and does it on a deeper level than the Internet censorship China currently employs.

China has more than 250 million Internet users and employs some of the world's tightest controls over what they see, often called the "Great Firewall of China," which refers to technology designed to prevent unwanted traffic from entering or leaving a network.

Political sites and others the government deems offensive are routinely blocked, but that happens at the network level. Savvy users can get around it by bouncing through "proxy" servers in other countries, but it takes some sophistication. Blocked sites simply won't load in users' Web browsers. The new software blocks sites directly from a user's machine.

A report released Thursday by University of Michigan researchers who examined the Chinese software supports

Solid Oak's claim that the Green Dam software contains pirated code. The report also found serious security vulnerabilities that could allow hackers to hijack PCs running the Chinese software.

The report found that a number of the "blacklist" files that Green Dam employs were taken from Solid Oak's CyberSitter program.

Blacklists are lists of Web sites that have been flagged as violent or pornographic or malicious or otherwise offensive. Web browsers on computers where blacklists are in use are instructed to block those sites.

The report's authors — researchers in the university's computer science and engineering division — also said they found another clue that Solid Oak's code was stolen: a file that contained a 2004 CyberSitter news bulletin that appeared to have been accidentally included in Green Dam's coding. □

Obama won't rule out freeing Gitmo detainees in U.S.

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

Despite fierce opposition in Congress, the White House insisted Friday it has not ruled out releasing Guantanamo Bay detainees in the United States. But with narrowing options, the administration has begun shipping newly cleared inmates abroad to regain momentum in its effort to close the Cuba-based prison camp.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the administration has not abandoned the possibility of releasing detainees in the U.S., but he added that national security considerations would govern any moves.

"We're not going to make any decisions about transfer or release that threatens the security of the country," Gibbs said, capping a week in which seven detainees were transferred under high security to foreign nations. Gibbs said the release of those detainees showed "marked progress" and other decisions were being made on a case-by-case basis. President Barack Obama said last month that the cases of 50 detainees had been reviewed — and the administration said 48 of them were waiting for release to foreign nations.

But the prospects for any transfers of Guantanamo inmates to the mainland U.S. have dimmed in recent weeks as Congress acted to block funding to pay for the moves. And foreign countries have been hesitant to take even cleared detainees who were deemed not to pose security threats.

U.S. officials said they were close to a deal with Saudi Arabia and Yemen under which Saudi Arabia would take about 100 Yemeni detainees and place them in Saudi-run terrorist rehabilitation centers.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss private diplomatic contacts, would not say how many Yemenis might be transferred or when the agreement might be finalized. Negotiations on the fate of the



In this Monday, June 1, 2009 file photo reviewed by the U.S. military, Chinese Uighur Guantanamo detainees, who at the time were cleared for release but had no country to go to, show a home-made note to visiting members of the media, at Camp Iguana detention facility, at Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base, Cuba. Palau, an archipelago in the Pacific ocean, has agreed to accept 17 Chinese Uighurs, the last remaining Uighurs at Guantanamo Bay, indicating a resolution to one of the thorniest issues facing the Obama administration's decision to close the prison camp.

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Yemeni inmates have been under way for months, stalled over a Saudi demand that Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh publicly endorse the proposal, the officials said. Saleh had refused to do so fearing a backlash among his people, the officials said, and, as of late last month, he preferred for Yemen to set up its own centers.

Obama has pledged to close Guantanamo by early next year, and U.S. officials have been searching for places to resettle detainees, lobbying hard with foreign governments. The pace of those efforts picked up last month after Congress said it would prevent detainees, even those cleared of wrongdoing, from being brought to the U.S.

This week alone, the administration transferred seven detainees out of Guantanamo. Two were sent to Chad and Iraq, one was brought to New York to stand trial in civilian court and four were sent to Bermuda. And a deal in principle has been reached with the Pacific island nation of Palau to accept some others.

Besides detainees who might be freed, tried or turned over to foreign governments, there

are still others — highly dangerous — who the administration says can be neither freed nor tried. These prisoners — "people who in effect remain at war with the United States," Obama has said — include detainees

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White House officials said they expect North Korea to act "irresponsibly" to the sanctions, imposed Friday by the U.N. Security Council in response to the communist nation's recent nuclear tests.

The sanctions include expanding an arms embargo and authorizing searches of ships thought to be carrying banned items to North Korea, such as materials that could be used in weapons. Susan Rice, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said U.S. officials would seek permission to board such ships to inspect them. If they refuse, she said, the United States will try to work with the ship's home nation "and others to direct that vessel to an appropriate port for the mandatory inspection" outlined in the U.N. sanctions.

If a ship refuses to be diverted, Rice said, U.S. officials "will take all necessary action" to publicize its ownership, what it is thought to be carrying and other information. The goal, she said, it "to shine a spotlight on it" and make it more difficult for others to help the ship complete its journey, such as refueling it.

Rice also said the United States will "ramp up and intensify" its efforts to gather and disseminate information about suspect ships. Other nations, she said, must "uphold their obligations to inspect in their territorial waters."

Rice said she would not be surprised if North Korea reacted to the sanctions with "further provocation."

"There's reason to believe they may respond in an irresponsible fashion to this," she said. But she said she expects the sanctions to have significant impact on North Korea's financing of its weapons and missile systems.

Rice said the administration was "very pleased" with the sanctions. She called the new resolution, which was supported by China and Russia, an "unprecedented" position by the Security Council.

The United States and many other nations, including China and Russia, have condemned North Korea for its underground nuclear test on May 25 and a series of ground-to-air missile test firings.

Rice said that Iran — another nation at deep odds with the United States about a disputed nuclear program — should take a message from how the U.N. responded to North Korea's actions. "I imagine that they have been following this closely," Rice said of Iran's leaders. She said Iran should see that "the response from the international community has been very clear, very firm and very meaningful."

A senior defense official said late Friday that the military, knowing the sanctions were being discussed, has been exploring ways to carry out such operations.

He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on the record about issues still under discussion and not approved. Asked if additional U.S. ships would have to be deployed for the new mission, two defense officials said only that the U.S. already has significant presence in the region. □

who may have received extensive al-Qaida training, commanded Taliban troops or sworn allegiance to Osama bin Laden.

With clear movement this week on settling 17 Chinese Muslims, known as Uighurs, from Guantanamo, the Yemeni detainees are the largest national bloc at the Cuba-based prison.

Their transfer would put a significant dent in the facility's population but still not set the stage for closing.

Numerous countries have balked at accepting detainees unless some are also resettled in the United States.

Despite Gibbs' comments, a key House panel approved legislation Friday that would deny immigration benefits to any Guantanamo detainees who might be released in the U.S. after being brought here for trial.

The bill, to be voted on soon by Congress, would be in effect until the end of the budget year at the end of September. □

California to probe latest HIV porn case

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — State health officials are looking into the latest HIV case reported in California's multibillion-dollar porn industry, fearing that reckless practices on film sets might be raising the risk of new infections.

It was revealed this week that a woman tested positive for HIV immediately after making an adult film. The state Division of Occupational Safety and Health is attempting to identify the filmmaker, at which point a formal investigation would begin.

"Our concern is that we need to quickly get to the employer so that we can work with them to change their practices to ensure the proper safety measures are being taken to prevent the additional spread of HIV," agency spokesman Dean Fryer said.

The actress's positive result was reported by the Adult Industry Medical Healthcare Foundation, which declined to reveal her name.

Known in the industry as AIM, the organization tests hundreds of actors each month in the San Fernando Valley, where the U.S. porn industry is headquartered. It grants those who pass certificates allowing them to work.

Los Angeles County health officials say there have been 22 confirmed HIV cases in industry performers since 2004.

Although the co-stars of the woman involved in the latest case have tested negative, they have been quarantined from acting for the time being and advised to be retested in two weeks because medical experts say it takes almost that long for a person to show signs of infection.

"All required reporting has been complied with," the foundation said in a statement Thursday on its Web site. "This is not a major event."

Government health officials say they are dubious about safe-sex practices on adult



The front door of the Adult Industry Medical Health Care Foundation clinic is seen in Los Angeles on Friday, June 12, 2009. California health officials are looking into the latest HIV case reported in California's multibillion-dollar porn industry, fearing that reckless practices on the film set might be raising the risk of new infections.

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film sets, despite assurances from the industry. Dr. Jonathan Fielding, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Health, said there are "persistent reports" about risky behavior.

Regulations require filmmakers to provide protection against the transmission of disease, such as condoms or using film techniques that involve simulations.

"There is no reason these infections should be occurring if these employers are following these precautions," Fryer said.

After an HIV outbreak in 2004 spread panic through the industry and briefly shut down production at several studios, many producers began making condoms a requirement. But they said both actors and audiences quickly rebelled.

"What happened was the talent didn't want to use condoms," said Steven Hirsch, co-Chief Executive of Vivid Entertainment Group, one of the industry's largest filmmakers. "As a result, we decided to go condom optional." □

DC Holocaust museum reopens after fatal shooting

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WASHINGTON—Liz Johnson showed up Friday to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum with 12 Girl Scouts in tow. None of them was alive when the Holocaust took place, but they were determined that a fatal shooting at the museum two days earlier wouldn't keep them from supporting its mission.

The members of the Dallas troop were among the hundreds of visitors who streamed into the museum as it opened for the first time since authorities said 88-year-old James von Brunn of Annapolis, Md. gunned down a security guard who had opened the door for him.

"To say that we can't do this because of this event is that man winning," said Johnson, 35, whose group clad in lavender T-shirts was among the first people in line. "We're not going to let him win."

The museum, which was closed Thursday for a day of mourning, opened to crowds that officials said were about the same size as usual this time of year.

Meanwhile, rabbis around the country were preparing to discuss the shooting with their congregations at weekend services. At the conservative B'Nai Torah Congregation in Boca Raton, Fla., Rabbi David Englander expected the shooting to resonate with the 1,300-family temple's numerous Holocaust survivors.

"This is an assault on what they went through," Englander said. "This isn't just some statistic or some random act of violence. It's representative of Holocaust denial everywhere."

At the museum, few signs of the shooting remained. The crime scene tape was gone, and the bullet-scarred front doors had been replaced.

About two dozen flower bouquets near the entrance formed a makeshift memorial to the slain guard, 39-year-old Stephen T. Johns, who



A picture of guard Stephen T. Johns, and flowers, are placed near the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington Friday, June 12, 2009. The museum was closed Thursday, for a day, after a shooting on Wednesday left a security officer dead and the gunman wounded.

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lived in Temple Hills, Md. On top of one bouquet was a photo of the slain security guard Johns, who was black, with the inscription, "Truly a righteous Gentile." The term "righteous gentile" has been used to describe non-Jewish people who took risks to save Jews from the Holocaust.

Before talking Friday to museum visitors about

surviving the Holocaust, 89-year-old Charles Stein of Springfield, Va., called von Brunn a "crazy one" and said he was concerned there could be copy-cats. The native Austrian's parents were killed in Nazi gas chambers in 1942. He added that the world will always have its share of Holocaust deniers and anti-semites such as von Brunn. □

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The dispute rose up even before the votes were counted — sharply boosting tensions after an intense monthlong race between the combative president and his main challenger, Mir Hossein Mousavi, who has the backing of a growing youth-oriented movement.

Mousavi declared himself “definitely the winner” based on “all indications from all over Iran.” He also alleged widespread irregularities, including closing polls with voters still waiting — suggesting he was ready to challenge the results.

But bringing any showdown into the streets would certainly face a swift backlash from security forces, which have already issued stark warnings

against unrest or any threat to the Islamic regime. A series of cyber-strikes — text messaging blackouts, blocks on pro-Mousavi Web sites and widespread Internet disruptions — also raised worried that authorities were prepared to exert further pressures on the communications lifelines of the rejuvenated reformist movement.

The messy and tense outcome capped a long day of voting. It was extended for several hours to accommodate a huge turnout that had people waiting for hours at polling stations in blistering heat and nighttime downpours.

Mousavi, a 1980s-era prime minister, had been counting on an outpouring from what’s been called his “greensunami” — the signature color of his



Surrounded by his bodyguards Iran’s President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, holds his identification card and shows his inked finger after cast his ballot for the presidential elections in Tehran, Iran, Friday June, 12, 2009. Iranians began voting Friday on whether to keep hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in power for four more years or replace him with a reformist more open to loosening the country’s Islamic restrictions and improving ties with the United States.

campaign and the new banner for reformists seeking wider liberties at home and a gentler face for Iran abroad. He raised hopes that a new leadership might embrace President Barack Obama’s invitation to open dialogue and take a less confrontation path with the West over Iran’s nuclear program.

But moments after Mousavi called a news conference to declare victory, Iran’s state news agency reported that Ahmadinejad was the victor. Both claims came shortly after polls close but before any vote tallies were announced.

Before dawn, Ahmadinejad supporters weaved through Tehran’s streets on motorbikes shouting “Allahu Akbar,” or God is Great.

By early Saturday, Ahmadinejad had 65.9 percent and Mousavi had 31.1 percent with 68 percent of all votes counted, said Kamran Daneshjoo, a senior official with the Interior Ministry, which oversees the voting. Based on figures released by the ministry, around 75 percent of the 46.2 million eligible voters went to the polls.

There was no sign of increased security, but the warnings had already been issued.

The political chief of the powerful Revolutionary Guard cautioned Wednesday it would crush any “revolution” against the Islamic regime by Mousavi’s “green movement.”

The interior ministry said all rallies or political gatherings would be banned until after the formal announcement of results later Saturday. Mousavi, however, was equally harsh — accusing the Islamic establishment was “manipulating the people’s vote” to keep Ahmadinejad in power.

“I’ll pursue this. I won’t give up. There is no way back,” he said.

During the voting, some communications across Iran were disrupted. Internet connections slowed dramatically in some spots, hindering the operations of news organizations including The Associated Press. It was not immediately clear what had caused the disruptions.

About a dozen Ahmadinejad supporters pelted a Mousavi office in Tehran with tear gas canisters, but no one was injured, said Saeed Shariati, head of Mousavi’s Web campaign. The attack could not be independently confirmed. Iran does not allow international election monitors. The ruling clerics, however, put their stamp on the elections from the very beginning by deciding who can run. More than 470 people sought to join the presidential race, but only Ahmadinejad and three rivals were cleared. During the 2005 election, there were some allegations of vote rigging from losers,


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but the claims were never investigated.

The rush to the polls reflected the intensity of the campaign that riveted the world’s attention for its wide-open passions and Western-style tactics, including a savvy Web campaign and all-night street parties by Mousavi’s young backers.


Some waited for hours in temperatures that hit 113 degrees (45 C) in Iran’s central desert. In Tehran, a bride in her wedding gown cast her ballot. Families making traditional Friday visits to relatives’ graves filed into polling stations in the capital’s sprawling cemetery.

The outcome, however, will not sharply alter Iran’s main policies or sway major decisions, such as possible talks with Washington. Those crucial issues rest with the ruling clerics headed by the unelected Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

But the election focused on what the office can influence: boosting Iran’s sinking economy, pressing for greater media and political freedoms, and being Iran’s main envoy to the world. Only weeks ago, Ahmadinejad (Ah-mad-in-A-jad) seemed ready to coast to re-election with the reformist ranks in disarray. But Mousavi’s bid began to gain traction with young voters with his Web outreach and hip “green” rallies. □



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UN imposes tough new sanctions on North Korea

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UNITED NATIONS (AP)

— The U.N. Security Council imposed punishing new sanctions on North Korea Friday, toughening an arms embargo and authorizing ship searches on the high seas in an attempt to thwart the reclusive nation's nuclear and ballistic missile programs.

The unanimous support for the resolution reflected international disapproval for recent actions by North Korea, which defied the council by conducting a second nuclear test on May 25 and heightened global tensions with recent missile launches that raised the specter of a renegade nuclear state.

North Korea has repeatedly warned that it would view new sanctions as a declaration of war, but it boycotted Friday's vote — in sharp contrast to the October 2006 Security Council meeting where sanctions were imposed after the country's first nuclear test. Then, the North Korean ambassador immediately rejected the resolution, accused council members of "gangster-like" action and walked out of the council chamber.

U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice, who shepherded the resolution through two weeks of complex and sometimes difficult negotiations, told reporters in Washington that the administration was "very pleased" with the council's "unprecedented" and "innovative" action.

She cautioned that North Korea could react to the resolution with "further provocation."

"There's reason to believe they may respond in an irresponsible fashion to this," she said.

North Korea said Monday in its main newspaper that it would respond to any new sanctions with "corresponding self-defense measures." On Tuesday, the North said it



United Nations Security Council votes unanimously to adopt a resolution imposing sanctions on North Korea, Friday, June 12, 2009, at United Nations headquarters. The resolution will impose new sanctions on the reclusive communist nation's weapons exports and financial dealings, and allow inspections of suspect cargo in ports and on the high seas.

would use nuclear weapons in a "merciless offensive" if provoked.

The resolution seeks to deprive North Korea of financing and material for its weapons program and bans the communist country's lucrative arms exports, especially missiles. It does not ban normal trade, but does call on international financial institutions to halt grants, aid or loans to the North except for humanitarian, development and denuclearization programs.

China and Russia, the North's closest allies, supported the resolution, but stressed that it did not authorize the use of force against North Korea, a key demand by both countries. Diplomats said during the negotiations both countries pushed to ensure that the measures not hurt ordinary people in North Korea who face daily hardships.

Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vitaly Churkin called the North's repeat nuclear test "a serious blow" to efforts to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons and said the resolution was "an appropriate response," targeted at the weapons programs.

China's U.N. Ambassador Zhang Yesui said the nuclear test had affected regional peace and security. He strongly urged North Korea to promote the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula and return quickly to Beijing-hosted six-party talks aimed at dismantling its nuclear program.

The resolution demonstrates the international community's "firm opposition" to the atomic test, Zhang said, but it also "sends a positive signal" by showing the council's determination to resolve the issue "peacefully through dialogue and negotiations."

The provisions most likely to anger the North Koreans deal with searches of cargo heading to or from the country.

The resolution calls on all countries to inspect North Korea cargo at their airports, seaports or on land if they have "information that provides reasonable grounds to believe" it contains banned arms or weapons, or the material to make them.

It also calls on all 192 U.N. member states to inspect vessels carrying suspect cargo on the high seas if approval is given by the country whose flag the ship sails under. If

the country refuses to give approval, it must direct the vessel "to an appropriate and convenient port for the required inspection by the local authorities."

The resolution does not authorize the use of force. But if a country refuses to order a vessel to a port for inspection, it would be violation of the resolution and the country licensing the vessel would face possible sanctions by the Security Council.

As a sign of China's uneasiness about ship searches, Zhang stressed that "countries have to act prudently, in strict accordance with domestic and international laws, and under the precondition of reasonable grounds and sufficient evidence."

Rice said the United States would "intensify our existing efforts to gather information that would allow us to determine if there is a suspect vessel on the high seas," she said.

If a vessel refuses inspection, Rice said, the United States will "shine a spotlight on it, to make it very difficult for that contraband to continue to be carried forward."

However, she said, while

the U.S. will work to ensure that full implementation is achieved and "the bite is felt ... we're not going to get into a tit-for-tat reaction to every North Korean provocative act."

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, a former South Korean foreign minister, urged all concerned parties "to refrain from taking any measures that can exacerbate tensions in the region and to exert their best efforts to re-engage in dialogue, including through the six-party talks," U.N. spokeswoman Michele Montas said.

In other key provisions, the resolution demands a halt to any further nuclear tests or missile launches and reiterates the council's demand that the North abandon all nuclear weapons, return to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, allow U.N. nuclear inspections, and rejoin six-party talks.

The previous sanctions resolution imposed an arms embargo on heavy weapons, a ban on material that could be used in missiles or weapons of mass destruction and a ban on luxury goods favored by North Korea's ruling elite. It also ordered an asset freeze and travel ban on companies and individuals involved in the country's nuclear and weapons programs.

The new resolution calls on all countries to prevent financial institutions or individuals in their countries from providing financing or resources that could contribute to North Korea's "nuclear-related, ballistic missile-related, or other weapons of mass destruction-related programs or activities."

U.S. deputy ambassador Rosemary DiCarlo called the measures "innovative" and "robust." "This resolution will give us new tools to impair North Korea's ability to proliferate and threaten international stability," she told the council. □

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Mexico candidate: Drug gangs contact all hopefuls

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MEXICO CITY (AP)

— A ruling party mayoral candidate in Mexico's richest city told his supporters that drug traffickers have contacted all leading political contenders in the country seeking their loyalty ahead of elections next month.

Mauricio Fernandez's discussion with a group of supporters in a suburb of Monterrey — a leaked recording of which was broadcast throughout Mexico on Friday — is a remarkably frank description of how the brutal gangs try to control political leaders, which is a key concern of President Felipe Calderon in his fight against drug cartels.

The candidate also acknowledged that the Beltran Leyva cartel controls drug smuggling in his city of San Pedro Garza and suggested that as mayor he would avoid confronting the gang to maintain peace, comments that undermined Calderon's drive to show that the government and his National Action Party, or PAN, are tough on organized crime.

Fernandez's campaign was thrown into turmoil by the recording, but he stood by the comments, saying he was merely telling the truth. He denied meeting with any traffickers during this campaign and said he rejected efforts by gangsters to buy his loyalty when he ran unsuccessfully for governor of Nuevo Leon state six years ago.

"I am stating the reality that my city is living," Fernandez told MVS Radio. "I don't have any reason to hide it."

PAN had no immediate comment on the recording, nor was it clear how the government would react.

Calderon has acknowledged



Marine soldiers escort Filiberto Parra Ramos, known as "La Perra", alleged member of the Arellano Felix drug cartel during his presentation to the media in Mexico City, Thursday, June 11, 2009. Ramos was arrested Wednesday in the northern city of Tijuana.

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that corrupt police and elected officials are a major obstacle in his fight with organized crime. Federal forces last month arrested 10 mayors in the president's home state of Michoacan for alleged drug gang ties. Calderon has held up the arrests as a demonstration that no politicians are immune to prosecution: two of the mayors belong to the PAN and a third is from a coalition including it.

The fear that cartels will buy off politicians is a constant theme as Mexicans prepare to vote July 5 for 500 congressional seats, six governors and 565 mayors nationwide.

Fernandez addressed that issue with his supporters. "Drug trafficking is really endemic and they come in contact with all candidates, at least those who have a chance of winning," he says.

The leaked audiotape lays bare what few politicians have been willing to address publicly. Even Fernandez at one point pauses in his discussion, saying: "There are no journalists here, right?"

Fernandez then tells why his wealthy suburb is relatively peaceful, while killings have been much more frequent than elsewhere in the Monterrey region: The Beltran Leyva cartel has undisputed control of San Pedro Garza Garcia, unlike other areas where gangs weakened by the federal crackdown are engaged in bloody turf battles with rivals.

"Look, this is a scary thing, what I'm going to tell you," Fernandez says. "A lot of San Pedro is peaceful compared to how the metropolitan area is starting to deteriorate. It's because here, the Beltran Leyva are

in control."

If elected, Fernandez implies he has no intention of challenging that control as long as the gang refrains from open drug dealing.

"They give a lot of importance to living in peace, that's what I understand," he says. "So that has to be seized upon — that they give a lot of importance to living in peace — and that they say: 'Well, OK, I will not sell or I'm not going to sell (here).' As long as the government doesn't confront them, they accept you."

Four top members of the Beltran Leyva cartel are on Mexico's most-wanted list, eluding capture for years despite the government's offer of more than \$2 million each for information leading to their arrest.

On the tape, Fernandez says he knows that the cartel's top leader lived in

his suburb for seven years and that several relatives still live in town today — "discreetly and hiding their identity, but they live here, make no doubt about it."

The Mexican government has sent more than 45,000 soldiers to drug hotspots to confront the violence that has killed more than 10,800 people since 2006. Officials attribute much of the violence to turf wars between cartels.

On Friday, police found the bodies of five men dumped beside on a highway in the sparsely populated northern state of Durango, all with signs of torture. Four more bodies were found in different parts of Ciudad Juarez, a city across the border from El Paso, Texas.

Mexico's navy, meanwhile, announced the discovery of a large methamphetamine lab in the northern state of Sinaloa. The navy said the 50,000 liters (about 13,200 gallons) of liquid ephedrine — one of the precursor chemicals for meth — in a record find for Mexico.

Mexican officials say they dealt a blow to the meth trade when they banned the import of precursor chemicals, but U.S. and Central American officials say drug cartels getting around the ban buying such materials in other Latin American countries and smuggling them into Mexico. In the taped conversation at least, Fernandez suggests the federal government should pick other battles rather than come to his town. Even the cartel is on board with his campaign's plans to use local police to make the suburb safe, he says.

Fernandez adds that he doesn't consider the Beltran Leyva cartel members as bad as other Mexican criminals, saying that "they don't kidnap and do all those things." □



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Protests, clashes precede Haiti senate elections

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A bystander was killed in a clash between rival Haitian political parties this week, adding to growing concerns about potential violence ahead of next week's Senate elections, police said Friday. Haitian police in the southern city of Jacmel confirmed that a motorcycle-taxi driver was killed as supporters of President Rene Preval's Lespwa movement fought with the opposing Struggling People's Organization, or OPL. The incident is under

investigation and it is not clear who fired the shots that killed him, but officials believe the unnamed driver was a bystander, police officer Mario Pierre said. He died Wednesday.

Isolated but intense protests by university students also have kept an area in downtown Port-au-Prince awash in tear gas, rocks and gunfire. A 10-year-old boy and at least two protesters have been struck or grazed by bullets as police fired warning shots, and tear gas wafted into an elementary school.

Students are protesting budget cuts and curriculum changes at Haiti's state university

medical school. As other supporters joined the protest, they demanded that U.N. forces leave Haiti and that President Rene Preval sign a bill the legislature approved to increase minimum wage to \$5 a day from less than \$2.

Soldiers and police from the 9,000-member U.N. peacekeeping force in Haiti as well as Haitian national police will be sent to every polling place on June 21 to prevent election violence, U.N. police spokesman Fred Blaise said Friday.

Isolated violence was reported in April during the first round of voting for 12 Senate seats. Official turnout was 11



U.N. peacekeepers from Jordan patrol the area next to the presidential palace during a protest in Port-au-Prince, Tuesday, June 9, 2009. Hundreds of university students are demanding that university officials reinstate courses and that the government keep its promise of raising the minimum wage.

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Venezuela: Coca-Cola Zero has harmful sweetener

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela's Health Ministry said Friday it banned sales of Coca-Cola Zero because the company failed to declare that the no-calorie soft drink uses an artificial sweetener allegedly harmful to health.

Health officials said tests show the cola contains sodium cyclamate. Coca-Cola Co. disputes that, saying the product sold in Venezuela uses different artificial sweeteners, Acesulfame-K and Aspartame.

Cyclamate is not prohibited in Venezuela. But the ministry said the company failed to report sodium cyclamate as an ingredient in Coca-Cola Zero when it received its initial health permit to begin selling the drink in April.

Coca-Cola is "failing to comply with sanitary norms," the ministry said in a statement published in the newspaper Ultimas Noticias. The ministry urged



A man removes packages of Coca Cola Zero bottles from a store in Caracas, Thursday, June 11, 2009. Health Minister Jesus Mantilla announced Wednesday that the government was banning the sale of Coca-Cola Zero in Venezuela, citing health reasons. He did not specify what ingredients were purportedly harmful, but said the ban would be effective immediately.

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Venezuelans to refrain from trying the drink, saying it is "considered harmful to the health."

The U.S. prohibits the use of cyclamates in human food because of health safety concerns. Sales of Coca-Cola Zero elsewhere in Latin America have met with resistance over the use of cyclamate.

Rosy Alvarez, a spokeswoman for Coca-Cola Servicios de Venezuela, told The Associated Press on Thursday that "no

ingredient of Coca-Cola Zero is harmful to peoples' health." But the company is complying with Venezuela's ban and has begun halting production, she said.

Kerry Kerr, a spokeswoman at Coca-Cola headquarters in Atlanta, said Thursday that the company was in discussions with the Venezuelan government.

Coca-Cola sells many other soft drinks in Venezuela, including Coca-Cola Classic, Chinoto, Frescolita and Hit. □

percent. Public transportation was halted that day, making polls unreachable for some, while others chose to stay home and avoid trouble.

Elections were canceled in the central plateau region following unrest and the shooting of a poll worker and have not been rescheduled. Partisans also attacked a rival party worker's car in the Cite Soleil slum.

Police will beef up security this time around, Blaise said. The elections have been

criticized for barring on technical grounds all candidates from exiled former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's Fanmi Lavalas party.

At least four key Senators have threatened not to seat the winners of the upcoming vote because of voter fraud allegations in the first round. Legislators have criticized how Preval's Lespwa movement advanced to run-offs in every race despite numerous candidates. □

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Storms stop play of St. Jude Classic

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MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP) — Thunderstorms have

John Daly tees off on the fourth hole during the second round of the St. Jude Classic golf tournament in Memphis, Tenn., Friday, June 12, 2009. Daly shot 2-under par for the day with two-day score of even par.

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stopped play during the second round of the St. Jude Classic with Brian Gay holding the clubhouse lead after a 4-under 66.

Play was halted and fans and players were cleared from the TPC Southwind course when the horn sounded 10 minutes before thunder could be heard on Friday.

Gay was at 10-under 130 through 36 holes, two strokes ahead of Robert Allenby

and Bryce Molder (63), with Allenby having three holes to play in the second round.

Phil Mickelson was at 4 under with his tee shot marked in the 16th fairway when play stopped. This is his first event since announcing his wife has breast cancer.

John Daly was at the projected cut line after a 2-under 68 left him at even par in his first U.S. PGA Tour event since finishing a six-month suspension.



Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb smiles during a news conference at the NovaCare complex in Philadelphia while answering questions about his new two-year contract with the team, Friday, June 12, 2009.

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NBA Finals

Lakers take 3-1 lead with another OT win

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ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers took a 3-1 lead the NBA finals Thursday, rallying to beat the Orlando Magic 99-91 in overtime to move within one win of a 15th championship.

Derek Fisher hit the tying 3-pointer with 4.6 seconds left in regulation, then made the go-ahead 3 with 31 seconds to go in extra time as the Lakers won their second overtime game of the series.

It was the first time since 1984, when Magic Johnson's Lakers and Larry Bird's Celtics hooked up, that two games in a finals have gone to overtime.

Kobe Bryant had 32 points, eight assists and seven rebounds for the Lakers, who can wrap it up Sunday in Game 5 here.

Trevor Ariza and Pau Gasol each had 16 points for Los Angeles, which came back from a 12-point halftime deficit. Ariza had 13 of the Lakers' 30 points in the third quarter.

The Lakers are 7-0 following a loss in this postseason.

Unless they can force a Game 6, the Magic will remember this as another finals game that got away.

Dwight Howard was magnificent everywhere but at the free-throw line. Orlando's superman of a center had 16 points, 21 rebounds and a finals-record nine blocks. But he made just 6 of 14 foul shots, and it was his two crucial misses with 11.1 seconds to go in regulation that doomed the Magic.

First, Fisher, who has made a career of hitting memorable shots in crucial situations, pulled up and without hesitating dropped a 3-pointer over Orlando's Jameer Nelson with 4.6 seconds left to tie it 87-87. The shot stunned the Magic's maniacal crowd, which was hoping the home team could win its second straight finals game after dropping its first six.

"I was just going to take over and kind of survey the situation but Nelson was giving me a lot of space and I like to step into those 3s," Fisher said. "Even though I wasn't making them, I felt like I could do that. I felt good to help the team that way."

Fisher had missed his first five 3s, but came up with one the little left-hander will cherish forever.

"My teammates and my coaches kept giving me that confidence to continue to believe in myself," Fisher said. "I wanted to come through for the guys."



Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant (24) talks to Andrew Bynum, left, Derek Fisher (2) and Pau Gasol, right, in the second quarter of Game 4 of the NBA basketball finals against the Orlando Magic Thursday, June 11, 2009, in Orlando, Fla.

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Just as they did in Game 2, Orlando had one final try, and this time guard Courtney Lee, who misfired on a tougher-than-it-looked layup in that loss, wasn't on the floor. The Magic inbounded the ball to Mickael Pietrus, but his long and contested jumper was off.

Bryant scored two quick baskets in the overtime, and Howard tied it when he split two free throws with 1:27 remaining.

On L.A.'s next trip, Ariza grabbed his own miss to get another 24 seconds and Fisher lined up and drilled his 3-pointer from the top of the key to make it 94-91.

As he retreated down court and Orlando called a timeout, the Lakers bench stormed onto the court and surrounded the popular 34-year-old Fisher, who came back to the team after a short stint in Utah.

The Lakers spent the first half in foul trouble, complaining to the officials and generally out of sorts. Ariza was given a technical for slamming the ball to the floor and coach Phil Jackson got sanctioned for shouting something from his high chair on L.A.'s bench. □

Pay raise secured, McNabb wants to win Super Bowl

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AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Having reworked his contract for a big raise, star quarterback Donovan McNabb wants to deliver an elusive NFL championship more than ever for the Philadelphia Eagles.

The five-time Pro Bowler mentioned the Super Bowl five times in a 14-minute news conference on Friday.

"With the type of team that we have, I think it's important that we focus in on what we have to do in order to achieve that common goal, and that's obviously to win a Super Bowl," McNabb said.

McNabb and the Eagles agreed late Thursday to restructure the final two years of his contract instead of extending his current deal. McNabb will collect \$24.5 million over the next two seasons, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press. That's a \$5.3 million raise over two years.

"Both sides wanted to get something done," coach Andy Reid said. "We thought it needed to be done. Donovan warranted this. There are very few players or situations where a player is far enough along in his career, and then his contract, where he warrants something like this. We felt Donovan was in that situation." □

Clotney hopes to build following against Miguel Cotto

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NEW YORK (AP) — Joshua Clotney is willing to do just about anything for a good fight.

It's the reason his career has taken him from the dusty streets of western Africa to the small fighting halls of England, to the out-of-the-way casinos that serve as a launching pad to stardom in the United States, and finally to the so-called Mecca of boxing.

Yet when he steps between the ropes at Madison Square Garden on Saturday to challenge WBO welterweight champ Miguel Cotto, he'll do so as a former champion himself — one that never once defended his IBF title.

He had to give that up, too, for a more lucrative payday.

"If I hold the IBF, I fight maybe five times before I get these (big fights)," Clotney said, referring to the parade of unknowns that the sanctioning body sought to pit him against. "I wasn't going to do that, so I had to vacate the belt. It's business."

Clotney's most notable fights have come against Shamone Alvarez and Zab Judah, mostly because he's been ducked by some of the toughest in his division. He's never been in a fight of this magnitude, in a setting that will be this set against him.

A member of Ghana's Ga tribe, from which came many of the sport's great fighters, Clotney now makes his home in New York. But on the eve of the city's Puerto Rican Day parade, his small band of followers will almost certainly feel like outcasts in an arena that promises to be filled to the brim with flag-waving Puertorriquenos.

About 800,000 New York residents have Puerto Rican

roots, and they've come out in droves four times previous on what has become one of Cotto's most anticipated dates.

"You hear the crowd shout," Clotney said, pausing. "You hear them shout for their person, so sometimes you wait for the one that is not for them."

By that, he means the shouts that will come when Clotney lands his own punishing shots.

Clotney (35-2, 20 KOs) promises to be among the most aggressive and difficult matchups that the popular Cotto will have ever faced. He's of similar build to Antonio Margarito, whose now questionable victory over Cotto is the only blemish against him, and his reach is much longer.

Their styles are similar, although Cotto (33-1, 27 KOs) is a more refined tactician. He tends to put together combinations and wear down his opponent over time, spending the early rounds thinking his way through the fight.

His brilliance lies in his conditioning — and heart — that makes him virtually impossible to rally against if he builds any sort of lead.

"If you follow my fights, my career, I never said no to anyone," Cotto said. "Anybody my company put in front of me, no matter who they want me to face next — I'm here for the real fighters, the real fights."

Clotney is a power puncher who'd rather not chase Cotto around the ring all night, and he acknowledged that the difference in the outcome could be who lands more body shots. "The game plan is the body attack, because I know he goes to the body very good," Clotney said. "If



Welterweights Miguel Cotto, left, and Joshua Clotney stare each other down after their weigh-in at Madison Square Garden, in New York, Friday, June 12, 2009. Cotto will be fighting Joshua Clotney in Madison Square Garden, Saturday, June 13, 2009.

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Falcons release suspended QB Michael Vick

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AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Falcons have released suspended quarterback Michael Vick, opening the door for him to sign with any interested NFL team.

Vick is eligible to immediately sign with a team even though he has not been reinstated by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell.

Falcons general manager Thomas Dimitroff said the team relinquished its contractual rights to Vick on Friday.

"Michael remains suspended by the NFL," Dimitroff said.

"However, in the event NFL commissioner Roger Goodell decides to reinstate Michael, we feel his best opportunity to re-engage his football career would be at another club."

The move was no surprise.

"Everybody always knew that Mike wouldn't be playing with the Falcons," Vick's agent, Joel Segal, said. "He's really just taking it one day at a time."

The NFL had no comment on Vick's release.

Goodell has said he will sit down with Vick after the quarterback completes his 23-month sentence on July 20 for running a dogfighting ring.

Vick's currently making \$10 an hour as a construction worker for W.M. Jordan Co. while he serves the final



This is a June 9, 2009 file photo showing Michael Vick arriving at the Norfolk Federal Court in Norfolk, Va. Atlanta Falcons general manager Thomas Dimitroff said the team relinquished its contractual rights to Vick on Friday June 12, 2009.

Associated Press

two months of his sentence on home confinement in Hampton, Virginia. He was released from federal prison in Kansas on May 20.

Vick was the Falcons No. 1 draft pick in 2001. He played six seasons with the team, but the Falcons moved on by making quarterback Matt Ryan their No. 1 pick last year. Ryan started every game as a rookie and led the Falcons to the playoffs.

Vick was the figurehead for the Falcons and, as a dual-threat quarterback, was one of the NFL's most dynamic stars from 2001-2006 before his sudden downfall. □

AL Roundup

Athletics rally late for 4-3 victory over Twins



Oakland Athletics' Rajai Davis, left, celebrates with teammate Landon Powell after singling to score Chris Denorfia to defeat the Minnesota Twins in the ninth inning of a baseball game on Thursday, June 11, 2009, in Oakland, Calif. The Athletics won 4-3.

Associated Press

OAKLAND, California (AP) — Rajai Davis slapped an RBI single in the ninth inning as the Oakland Athletics rallied from a late three-run deficit for a 4-3 victory over the Minnesota Twins in the American League on Thursday.

Adam Kennedy hit a tying two-run homer in the three-run eighth for the A's, who finally solved Minnesota starter Nick Blackburn before splitting the four-game series on a soft hit by Davis.

Joe Crede hit a three-run homer, his 10th of the season

for Minnesota in the fourth.

Red Sox 4, Yankees 3

At Boston, J.D. Drew hit an RBI single to spark an eighth-inning rally, then scored the go-ahead run on Mike Lowell's fly ball to help Boston improve to eight wins without loss against New York this year.

It's the first time the Red Sox have opened the season with eight straight wins against their New York rivals since they helped christen the brand-new Fenway Park by winning the first 14 matchups against

the Highlanders in 1912.

Takashi Saito (1-0) earned his first AL victory with four outs of scoreless relief, and Jonathan Papelbon pitched the ninth for his 16th save. David Ortiz hit his third homer in five games.

At Arlington, Texas, Kevin Millwood threw 7 2-3 excellent innings as Texas beat Toronto for only its fourth 1-0 victory in 16 seasons since moving into Rangers Ballpark in Arlington.

Texas got its run when Marlon Byrd hit a sacrifice fly off Ricky Romero (3-3).

Millwood (6-4) gave up five hits with one strikeout and hit a batter while throwing 105 pitches against the Blue Jays, who had won three straight.

The right-hander has allowed two earned runs over 20 2-3 innings his last three starts.

At Chicago, Scott Podsednik hit an RBI single off Joel Zumaya with the bases loaded in the ninth inning, lifting Chicago over Detroit.

Chicago White Sox 4, Detroit 3; Oakland 4, Minnesota 3; Cleveland 4, Kansas City 3, 10 innings; Seattle 6, Baltimore 3; Tampa Bay 11, L.A. Angels 1; Boston 4, N.Y. Yankees 3; and Texas 1, Toronto 0. □

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Los nativos amazónicos, que protestan desde hace dos meses con toma de carreteras, afirman que una ley de promoción de inversión en áreas amazónicas arrasará sus bosques y contaminará sus territorios, ricos en recursos naturales.

El Congreso peruano suspendió el miércoles por tiempo indefinido la polémica ley, después de fuertes enfrentamientos que dejaron la semana pasada 33 policías e indígenas muertos.

La ministra de Comercio Exterior y Turismo, Mercedes Aráoz, dijo

que la Oficina del Representante Comercial de Estados Unidos (USTR) y legisladores estadounidenses han manifestado su colaboración para salir de esta crisis con los nativos.

"Han dicho que comprenden la posición de Perú y han prometido apoyarnos para encontrar salidas dialogadas con las comunidades indígenas", afirmó Aráoz.

La ley y otras normas fueron aprobadas el año pasado por el Gobierno del presidente Alan García, un ferviente promotor del libre mercado y la inversión privada como modelos para apuntalar el crecimiento económico del país andino.

Las protestas agrietaron la relación del Gobierno con la oposición, luego de que el Congreso suspendió por 120 días las funciones de siete legisladores



Una manifestación a favor de los indígenas en Lima, 11 jun 2009. Perú dijo el viernes que Estados Unidos lo apoyaría a encontrar un consenso con los nativos amazónicos para buscar 'mejorar' una ley clave en un pacto de libre comercio, que los indígenas piden se derogada pues consideran que afecta la propiedad de sus tierras. REUTERS/Mariana Bazo

del Partido Nacionalista acusados de tras declararse en huelga de hambre en "interrumpir" la sesión en el Parlamento, apoyo a los nativos. □

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